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SUBJ: JAPANESE REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT UNGA 7TH SS

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1. THOUGH JAPANESE MEDIA COVERAGE OF 7TH SS AND IMF MEETING
HAS BEEN FAIRLY HEAVY, SECRETARY'S SPEECH WAS UPSTAGED BY

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SINAI AGREEMENT. EDITORIAL FOLLOW-UP, WHILE UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE,

WAS SIMILARLY LIGHT. IN VIEW OF NEWNESS AND COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES IN PUBLIC MIND, EMBASSY SUSPECTS PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION IS SIMPLY THAT US HAS SHIFTED FROM HARD LINE TO CONCILIATORY STANCE VIS-A-VIS DEVELOPING NATIONS.

2. US PROPOSALS WERE TERMED "POSITIVE," "COMPREHENSIVE," "CONCRETE," AND "FORWARD-LOOKING" BY MEDIA. THAT IMPRESSION WAS REINFORCED A FEW DAYS LATER WHEN MAINICHI SCOOPED COMPETITION WITH AMBASSADOR KIMURA'S DENUNCIATION OF HIS OWN 7TH SS SPEECH AS "DISGRACEFUL." KIMURA CHARGED THAT FINANCE MINISTRY EDITORS HAD REDUCED HIS SPEECH TO A MERE PIOUS RECITATION OF JAPAN'S GOOD WILL (REF B). SEVERAL PAPERS CONTRASTED "ABSTRACTNESS" OF KIMURA SPEECH WITH SPECIFICITY OF US PROPOSALS AND OPINED THAT US EXPORT EARNINGS STABILIZATION PROPOSAL, IN PARTICULAR, STRUCK RIGHT NOTE.

3. PRESS TREATMENT FAINTLY MIRRORS INTRA-GOJ DEBATE OVER PROPER RESPONSE TO SPECIFICS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH. AS WE READ TEA LEAVES, MOFA (WHICH IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT "HEARTILY WELCOMING" SPEECH, FOUND "MANY PROPOSALS WORTHY OF STUDY") AND TO LESSER DEGREE MITI ARE PUSHING FOR ENDORSEMENT OF US VISION WHILE FINANCE MINISTRY PREDICTABLY SEES IT AS ANOTHER RAID ON OVEREXTENDED TREASURY. IN TALK WITH EMBOFF, MITI SOURCE PRAISED SPEECH PARTICULARLY AS CUTTING THROUGH IDEOLOGICAL FOG AND GETTING DOWN TO PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS.

4. MITI, AND MORE SO MOF, VERY MUCH PREFER CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS TO CREATION OF NEW ONES (SUCH AS PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND) IN WHICH WISHES OF 3RD WORLD MAY CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN THOSE OF DEVELOPED NATIONS. MITI IS SAID TO SEE JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN CREATION OF SUBSTANTIAL BUFFER STOCKS IN SOME COMMODITIES AS UNAVOIDABLE, WHILE MOF IS RESISTING IDEA. JAPANESE CONSIDER EXPORT EARNINGS STABILIZATION SCHEME INFINITELY PREFERABLE TO PRICE-FIXING. HOWEVER, MOF COUNCILLOR STRESSED TO EMBOFF THAT STABILIZATION FUND AND INVESTMENT TRUST, WHILE FINE IN PRINCIPLE, OUGHT TO DRAW UPON FUNDS ALREADY AVAILABLE TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SINCE MOF IS STRONGLY INFLUENTIAL IN FRAMING GOJ POSITION, THE PROSPECT IS THAT JAPAN WILL MOVE
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VERY CAUTIOUSLY, SEEKING TO AVOID IMPRESSION THAT IT IS REACTIONARY BUT ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL BURDENS ONLY WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE.

5. EMBASSY'S CONTACTS IN MINISTRIES ARE CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT SECRETARY'S SPEECH WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO DIGEST. THE GOJ POSITION IS STILL EVOLVING. DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER DETAILS OF US PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND

SCRUTINIZED. MUCH DEPENDS UPON JAPANESE EVALUATION OF
7TH SS AND IMF MEETING AND UPON SPEED OF JAPANESE RECOVERY
FROM RECESSION. IF PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS SAID TO BE INCLINED
TO A "MORE POSITIVE" STANCE TOWARD THE DEVELOPING
NATIONS, CHOOSES TO WEIGH IN, STALWART SUPPORT OF US INITIATIVES
COULD MATERIALIZE. EMBASSY WILL MONITOR DEVELOPMENT OF
BUREAUCRATIC CONSENSUS. WE WILL WELCOME RECEIVING
FURTHER ELABORATION OF US PROPOSALS WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED
AS WELL AS CONTINUING ANALYSES OF THE POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL
STATE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION FOR USE IN OUR
TALKS WITH JAPANESE.
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